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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 22 November 2001

[No meetings are scheduled at Headquarters *today*, 22 November 2001, official holiday.]

Friday, 23 November 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

On Friday, 23 November 2001, there will be meetings of interested delegations on the following draft proposals:

Conference Room 9: A/C.2/56/L.11 (item 98 (a)) (programme budget implications: A/C.2/56/L.19), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and

Conference Room E: A/C.2/56/L.2 (item 95 (c)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for these consultations.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 26 November 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m. 62nd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the eighth annual report of the International Tribunal (A/56/352) [50]

2. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the sixth annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal (A/56/351 and Corr.1) [51]

3. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) [45]

4. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [17]:

   (a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/625)

   (b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/626)

   (c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/627)

   (d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/628)

   (f) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/629)

3 p.m. 63rd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/384 and Corr.1) [20]:

(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations:

   (i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/95, A/56/307);

   (ii) Note by the Secretary-General (A/55/649);

   (iii) Draft resolution (A/56/L.14)

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions:

   (i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/158, A/56/264, A/56/269, A/56/338, A/56/361, A/56/389, A/56/412, A/56/470 and A/56/632*);

   (ii) Draft resolutions (A/56/L.15, A/56/L.16)

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* To be issued.

(c) Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/447);

(d) Participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in the activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/308);

(e) Assistance to the Palestinian people: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/123 and Corr.1)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	31st meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	49th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	50th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	29th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
2 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 29th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 39 (Towards global partnerships)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 39 (Towards global partnerships), organized by the delegation of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), will be held on Tuesday, 27 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE

Informal consultations on agenda item 113

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and the full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and of the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly", chaired by Mr. Carlos Enrique García González (El Salvador), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, will be held on Monday, 26 November 2001, at 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber

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COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a solemn meeting from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, 29 November 2001, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People.

All Member States, United Nations bodies and agencies and observers are invited to attend. Messages of solidarity may be sent to room S-3350 (tel.: (212) 963-5172).

Screening of films

Also in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of two video-films entitled "Gaza Under Siege" and "Mahmoud Darwish: As the Land is the Language". Both films will be shown on Thursday, 29 November, at 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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In accordance with resolution 55/75, adopted by the General Assembly on 4 December 2000, the Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the 2002 Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will convene for the first time in Geneva on Friday, 3 December 2001, at 3 p.m. in Room XVII at the Palais des Nations.

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning Counter-Terrorism will hold its 11th (closed) meeting on Monday, 26 November 2001, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 7. The Chairman of the Committee will give an oral briefing to interested Member States of the United Nations the same day at 5 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (4-15 March 2002). There will be two panels focusing on the following thematic issues being taken up by the Commission: (1) Eradicating poverty, including through the empowerment of women throughout their life cycle in a globalizing world; and (2) Environmental management and mitigation of natural disasters: a gender perspective. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1259), no later than Friday, 7 December 2001.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its second regular session (10-14 December 2001) will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. All delegations are invited to attend.

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, 23 November 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Gabriela Martinic (Argentina), Chairperson of Working Group II dealing with agenda item 5 (Practical confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms) of the Disarmament Commission, would like to remind all delegations that the Working Group requested her to gather information on documents and meetings on existing confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms, to be provided by the delegations, preferably by 1 December 2001, on the understanding that they might submit further information at a later stage (tel.: (212) 688-6300, extension 226; fax: (212) 980-8395).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

The announcements in this section are reproduced as received. The designations employed do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be a meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room D.

Open-ended consultations on the right to development, organized by the Non-Aligned Movement, will be held on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Second Committee *(on agenda item 104 (Training and research))* on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance))* on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 1.30 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

There will be meetings of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Monday, 26 November and Tuesday, 27 November 2001, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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Informal meeting

There will be a meeting of the Core Group of the Group of 77 on Habitat on draft resolutions under agenda item 102 on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Briefing

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a Briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council. The briefing will be held on the following dates : Monday, 26 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 27 November from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 28 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Thursday, 29 November from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Informal briefing

The Chairman of the United Nations Forum on Forests, Mr. Knut Øistad (Norway), will hold an informal briefing on preparations for the second session of the Forum, to be held in Costa Rica from 4 to 15 March 2002. The briefing will take place on Wednesday, 28 November 2001, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 9. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the German Management Academy (DMAN) are jointly organizing the annual Campus on Public-Private Partnership for Development of Infrastructure and Social Services. The campus, to be conducted in English, will be held in New York from Tuesday to Friday, 4 to 7 December 2001, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all Permanent Missions in New York. The registration deadline is Friday, 23 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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As from Thursday, 1 November 2001, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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A Web site of the Presidency of the Security Council has been established with effect on Thursday, 1 November 2001 and can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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The English, French and Spanish Web sites of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373; http://www.un.org/french/docs/sc/committees/1373; and http://www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 21 November 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

4424th meeting

Protection of civilians in armed conflict

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended invitations under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Kenzo Oshima, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator.

Statements were then made by the representatives of the Ukraine, Singapore, Norway, Colombia, Ireland, the United Kingdom, France, Mauritius and Tunisia.

Mr. Oshima responded to comments and questions raised by members of the Council.

4425th (closed) meeting

Meeting of the Security Council with the Troop-Contributing Countries to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), Annex II, A

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"On 21 November 2001, the Security Council, pursuant to Annex II, Section A of resolution 1353 (2001), held its 4425th meeting in private with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF).

"The Security Council and the troop-contributing countries heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Mr. Hédi Annabi, Assistant Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations.

"The members of the Council had a constructive exchange of views with representatives of participating troop-contributing countries.

"Mr. Annabi responded to comments and questions posed by members of the Council and representatives of troop-contributing countries."

4426th (closed) meeting

Meeting of the Security Council with the Troop-Contributing Countries to the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), Annex II, A

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"On 21 November 2001, the Security Council, pursuant to Annex II, Section A of resolution 1353 (2001), held its 4426th meeting in private with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara.

"The Security Council and the troop-contributing countries heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Mr. Hédi Annabi, Assistant Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations.

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Corrigendum to the summary of the 4422nd and 4423rd meetings of the Security Council (see *Journal* No. 2001/227, p.10): the symbol of the report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict *should read* (S/2001/852) *instead of* (S/2000/852).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

60th plenary meeting

Assistance in mine action: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/448 and Add.1 and 2) [38]

The General Assembly decided to hear the observer of Switzerland in the debate on agenda item 38.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, and Turkey), Pakistan, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Norway, Japan, Peru, the Sudan, Egypt, Thailand, Uruguay, Canada, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Israel, the Republic of Korea, Croatia, Belarus, Nicaragua, Argentina and Slovenia.

61st meeting

Assistance in mine action: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/448 and Add.1 and 2) [38]

Statements were made by the representatives of Cambodia, Zambia and Eritrea.

In accordance with its decision taken at the 60th plenary meeting, the General Assembly heard a statement by the observer of Switzerland.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom and Ethiopia.

The Assembly was informed that a draft resolution under agenda item 38 would be submitted at a later date.

Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme: note by the Secretary-General (A/56/516) [16 (d)]

The Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General, elected Mr. Klaus Töpfer as Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 February 2002 and ending on 31 January 2006.

The representative of Nigeria made a statement.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of subitem (d) of agenda item 16.

Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic [36]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/454 and Add.1)

(b) Draft resolution (A/56/L.12)

The representative of Argentina made a statement in the course of which he introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/56/L.12.

Statements were made by the representatives of Brazil and Nigeria.

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

By 86 votes to 1, with 1 abstention (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted operative paragraph eight of draft resolution A/56/L.12, as orally revised.

By 93 votes to none, with 1 abstention (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/56/L.12 as a whole, as orally revised (resolution 56/7).

The representative of France made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 36.

United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage, 2002: draft resolution (A/56/L.13) [177]

The representative of Egypt made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/56/L.13.

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada, Italy, Japan and Ukraine.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/56/L.13 (resolution 56/8).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 177.

Programme of work

The President informed the General Assembly that the reports of the First Committee would be taken up on Thursday, 29 November, in the morning.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 21st meeting

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects [89]

The Committee continued its discussions on agenda item 89 and heard statements by representatives of Malaysia, Brazil, Uruguay, Algeria, New Zealand, Ukraine, the Russian Federation, Thailand, Canada, South Africa, Ecuador, Kuwait, Belarus, India, Burkina Faso, Jordan (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), the United States, Indonesia, Nepal, Slovakia, Poland, Croatia and the Republic of Korea.

22nd meeting

The Committee continued its discussions on agenda item 89 with statements by the representatives of Turkey, Pakistan and Australia.

The Committee then decided to continue its interactive session with the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations in informal closed session.

When the Committee resumed its discussions on agenda item 89, it concluded its consideration of this item with statements from the representatives of Nigeria, Botswana, Mozambique, Cyprus, Singapore, Ghana and Jamaica.

The observer of the International Committee of the Red Cross made a statement.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Turkey and Cyprus.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a concluding statement.

SECOND COMMITTEE 29th meeting

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [101]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

The Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Yemen, the United Arab Emirates, Jordan, Lebanon, Israel, the Russian Federation, Egypt, the Syrian Arab Republic, Qatar, Malaysia and Pakistan.

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

Right of reply

The observer for Palestine made a statement in exercise of the right of reply.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of agenda item 101.

Deadline of submission of proposals

The Chairman informed the Committee that the deadline of submission of draft proposals under agenda item 101 is Monday, 26 November, at 1 p.m.

30th meeting

Training and research [104]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard introductory statements by the Chief of the Office of the Under-Secretary-General of the Department of Management and the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Japan, Haiti (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)), Jordan and Nigeria, as well as by the observer for Switzerland.

The Committee thus concluded its general consideration of the item.

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

Action on draft decision A/C.2/56/L.6

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), reported on the outcome of the informal consultations held on draft decision A/C.2/56/L.6.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement regarding programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft decision.

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.7

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), reported on the outcome of the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.7.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

International migration and development, including the question of the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development to address migration issues [100]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.4 and L.28

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.28, which was submitted by him on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.4.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.28.

In the light of the adoption of the draft resolution, draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.4 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the item.

Deadline for the submission of draft proposals

At the request of the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Committee postponed the deadline for the submission of draft proposals under item 12 (Report of the Economic and Social Council) and item 102 (Implementation of the Habitat agenda and outcome of the special session of the General Assembly on this topic) to Friday, 30 November, at 6 p.m., and under item 104 (Training and research) to Tuesday, 27 November, at 1 p.m.

The representative of Belgium made a statement on behalf of the European Union.

Organization of work

Following a statement by the Secretary of the Committee, the Committee decided to postpone consideration of agenda item 106 (Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries) to Thursday and Friday, 29 and 30 November, in the morning.

The Committee was informed that the panel on globalization and poverty, which had been scheduled for Monday, 26 November, was cancelled.

THIRD COMMITTEE 47th meeting

Advancement of women [112]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.24/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the revised draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the oral corrections that had been made to the text at the time of its introduction.

The representative of Mongolia announced that Burkina Faso, Kyrgyzstan, Morocco, Swaziland and Tunisia had joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Fiji, the Gambia, Guatemala, Guinea, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Nicaragua, the Niger, Sierra Leone, Suriname and Zimbabwe joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

Before the adoption of the revised draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the Sudan.

The Committee adopted the revised draft resolution, as corrected, without a vote.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [114]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.39

The Committee was informed that the revised draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Chile, Colombia, Croatia, Ethiopia, Mozambique, Namibia, Nicaragua, Panama, Sierra Leone, the Sudan and Suriname joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [115]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.28/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the revisions that had been made to the text of the draft resolution at the time of its introduction.

The representative of the Belgium announced that Armenia, Belarus, Panama, the Sudan and Swaziland had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Afghanistan, Antigua and Barbuda, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, the Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Guinea, Indonesia, Lesotho, Malawi, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Saint Lucia, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Togo, Turkey, Uganda and Zimbabwe joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Singapore.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.29

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Namibia announced that Algeria, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Gambia, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Hungary, Israel, Liechtenstein, Malta, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, the Philippines, Suriname and Togo had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bhutan, Cape Verde, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, El Salvador, Eritrea, Fiji, Guyana, Madagascar, Mongolia, the Republic of Korea, Somalia and Tunisia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

A statement was made by the representative of the Republic of Korea.

The representative of the United States made a statement in which he requested a recorded vote on operative paragraph 1 of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted operative paragraph 1 of the draft resolution, by a recorded vote of 148 to 2.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution as a whole, without a vote.

A statement in explanation of vote after the vote was made by the representative of the United States.

Statements were made by the representatives of Antigua and Barbuda, Senegal, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Benin with regard to their votes.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 115.

The right of peoples to self-determination [118]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The representative of Cuba made a statement, after which a statement was made by the Chairman.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.32

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Pakistan announced that Togo had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Afghanistan, Chad, Somalia and Suriname joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Argentina.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.33

The representative of Egypt announced that Argentina, Belize, Cameroon, Croatia, India, Madagascar and Poland had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Armenia, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Chad, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Lesotho, Malawi, Nicaragua, Saint Lucia, Swaziland and Togo joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 152 to 2.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Israel, Canada, Guatemala, the Russian Federation and Australia.

Subsequently, statements were made by the observer for Palestine, as well as by the representatives of Egypt and Belgium (on behalf of the European Union, as well as Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Turkey, Iceland and Norway).

A statement was made by the representative of Benin with regard to his vote.

Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [119 (a)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.34

The Secretary read out the oral revisions made to the text when the draft resolution was introduced.

The Secretary also read out an oral statement in connection with the draft resolution.

The representative of Denmark announced that Suriname had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, El Salvador, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nicaragua and Panama joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of China, the United States and Benin.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Japan made a statement.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.36

The Committee was informed that document A/C.3/56/L.35 was superseded by document A/C.3/56/L.36.

The Secretary read out an oral statement in connection with the draft resolution.

The representative of Sweden orally revised the draft resolution and announced that Afghanistan, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Benin, Bulgaria, El Salvador, Georgia, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Republic of Moldova, New Zealand, Panama, San Marino, Slovenia, South Africa, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Venezuela had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.37

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Mexico announced that Mauritius, Morocco and Paraguay had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mozambique, Nigeria, Sierra Leone and Suriname joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Mexico made a statement.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.38

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Cuba announced that Algeria and India had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Afghanistan, Belarus, Côte d'Ivoire, Lesotho, Mozambique, Nepal, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, Suriname and Zambia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 97 to 44, with 5 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Canada (also on behalf of Australia, Iceland, Norway, New Zealand, San Marino and the United States), Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) and Israel.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Chile and the Republic of Korea.

A statement was made by the representative of Bolivia regarding her vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Cuba.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [114]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Ethiopia and the United Republic of Tanzania.

48th meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [114]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Poland, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Pakistan, Belarus, Liechtenstein, the Russian Federation, Georgia, Togo, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Nepal, India, Algeria, Eritrea, Azerbaijan, Bhutan and Cameroon.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement on the organization of work and announced that on Monday, 26 November, in the morning, the Committee would hear introduction of the following draft resolutions: under item 119 (b): A/C.3/56/L.40, L.51-L.53, L.59-L.64, L.66 and L.69; under item 119 (c): A/C.3/56/L.50, L.54, L.57 and L.58.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply was made by the representatives of Armenia and Azerbaijan.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 28th meeting

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-fourth session [161]

The Chairman of the Committee made a statement, withdrew, on behalf of the Bureau, draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.10 and Corr.1 (French only) and introduced draft decision A/C.6/56/L.26.

Action on draft decision A/C.6/56/L.26

The Committee adopted draft decision A/C.6/56/L.26 without a vote and concluded its consideration of agenda item 161.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union [21 (f)]

The representative of India made a statement, withdrew draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.24 and orally proposed a draft decision.

The representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), Japan, Burkina Faso, Guatemala, Venezuela and Jordan made statements.

Action on the draft decision

The Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote and concluded its consideration of agenda item 21 (f).

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [166]

The representative of Australia, coordinator of the draft comprehensive convention on international terrorism, made a statement.

The representative of Canada, coordinator of draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.22 and Corr.1, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

The representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Lebanon and Cuba spoke in explanation of position before the adoption of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.22 and Corr.1, as orally revised, without a vote.

The representatives of Pakistan, Israel, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Canada spoke in explanation of position after the adoption of the draft resolution.

The representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Lebanon made statements in the exercise of the right to reply.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 166.

Conclusion of the work of the Sixth Committee

The Chairman made a concluding statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Argentina (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), Ireland (on behalf of the Western European and Other States), Uganda (on behalf of the African States), the Syrian Arab Republic (on behalf of the Asian States), Hungary (on behalf of the Eastern European States) and Lebanon (on behalf of the Arab Group).

The Sixth Committee thus concluded its work.

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Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE
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498th (closed) meeting

Consideration of information under article 20 of the Convention [5]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

Submission of reports by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [3]

The Committee adopted the conclusions and recommendations on the fourth periodic report of Ukraine (CAT/C/55/Add.1).

499th meeting

Submission of reports by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [3]

The Committee continued its consideration of the third periodic report of Israel (CAT/C/54/Add.1).

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73rd meeting

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

(b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant

The Committee considered the second periodic report of Jamaica (E/1990/6/Add.28), in the absence of the State party delegation.

74th (closed) meeting

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

(b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant

The Committee discussed and adopted concluding observations on the fourth periodic report of Sweden (E/C.12/4/Add.4).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special event

The Global Launch of the United Nations Consolidated Inter-Agency Appeals for 2002 on the theme "Reaching the Vulnerable", sponsored by the Office of the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and the Emergency Relief Coordinator, Mr. Kenzo Oshima, will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 11 a.m. to 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The Secretary-General will lead the launch. The President of the Security Council, H.E. Ms. Mignonette Patricia Durrant (Jamaica), the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund, Ms. Thoraya Obaid, will attend the event. The Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator, Ms. Carolyn McAskie, will be the moderator. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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